

Columbus, IN—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday:

"Thanksgiving is a time when we reflect on our blessings and the unmerited grace that is bestowed on us, our families, our neighbors, and our country.

"What a blessing it is to live in our great nation and the heartland of America. We pause to remember the suffering that the Pilgrims endured as they came to this land and are grateful for their perseverance.

"I am thankful for a loving wife and three wonderful children who fill my life with joy.

"I am thankful to live in a country that values freedom, and I am thankful for the brave men and women who valiantly fight for it. I have had the privilege of visiting our troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan every year since hostilities started and I am eternally grateful for their sacrifice.

"As we remember our blessings, let's remember the many families who are hurting. Many Thanksgiving tables across the Hoosier state would be barren without the generosity of neighbors and communities of faith. Let us be generous in giving time and treasure to those who are struggling. Holidays, especially Thanksgiving, can be particularly difficult for those who have lost loved ones. Many Hoosier families are hurting, and now is the time to come alongside them and make a difference.

"Let's join our neighbors, family and friends in observing Thanksgiving this year. Happy Thanksgiving."

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